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- ☒ 3. A concise explanation of the relevance of the non-English language references 1 and 4-5 appears in the Appendix attached hereto.
- ☒ 4. English-language Abstracts of the non-English language references 1-5 are attached hereto.

- ☒ 5. A computer-generated English translation of the following Japanese Patent Publications have been obtained from the website of the Japanese Patent Office (<http://www.jpo.go.jp>), and are attached, but have not been reviewed for accuracy. See References 1-5.

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APPENDIX

List of Related Art for IDS

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JP-2002-179405	2000/12/12	2002/6/26	Cited as a related-art reference in the specification
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